

Maynard Finance Committee
Zoom Meeting ID: 876 2366 3070
Final 4/26//21

Present: Tom Black, Elliot Bruce, Peter Campbell, Ken Estabrook (Chair), Alannah Gustavson, Kelly Kane, Jillian Prendergast (Vice Chair)

Absent: None

Others: Greg Johnson, Lauri Plourde, Lydia Clancy, Natasha Rivera, concerned citizens

All relevant documents available on board docs.

Meeting called to order at 7:02pm. Ken went over the legal remote meeting notice. This meeting was not recorded.

Ken went over the agenda for the meeting.

Ken shared the meeting minutes from 4/5/21. Peter moved to approve. Jill seconded.

Vote 7-0 to approve.

Chair and member updates

Ken received appointment slips for Elliot and Peter for the Charter review committee. There is some confusion on who needs to sign it. The full Committee may need to do e-signatures.

Ken asked Greg if a quorum of FinCom needed to be present at the joint meeting on Wednesday. Greg said he did not anticipate quorums for all committees, but it is posted as a public meeting in case of deliberations.

Peter asked for clarification on the Solar project issues at hand. Ken clarified that we need to give the School Committee a statement on whether we think the monies collected are worth the property use. He wanted to discuss whether or not the field use was clear to town meeting voters as being used. Tom said when he discussed the issue with Justin Demarco while researching for writing the Fincom recommendation that the field use was never brought up. Peter asked if the School Committee is solely concerned about the field use or something else. Tom believes it is more a concern of transparency and does not agree with the field usage. Peter also voiced that he thought this was only about carports and rooftops and does not agree with field usage. Lydia clarified that the School Committee did not have representation in writing the RFP, they were brought in after Town Meeting for the decision on solar companies to go with. She said there are also issues with who owns Crowe Park. She also clarified that the main objection is the field use. Jillian pointed out that the Select Board has indicated they will not go forward with the project if the School Committee is against it. Tom also was concerned about the fixed amount in the contract for a period of 20 years. Jill mentioned that the topic of who gets the money from the project was raised at the Budget

Subcommittee. Jill believed some monies could be given the Capital projects. Alannah added that in rereading the Article 27 Sponsor Comments, they say “rooftops” only. She believes the Town Meeting voters did not have field usage in mind when they voted, as most did not read the full RFP which is where fields were mentioned. Kelly added that restricting the use of that property for 20 years right now when we are currently looking at the school building uses is a mistake. Ken believes it was a busy time in town, especially with the emergence of Covid, and miscommunication on the field usage would have been understandable. This led to our recommendation being potentially misleading to Town Meeting voters. He does not think the monies from the solar project would be worth the loss of this land at this time. Jill added that there was a time crunch added due to a grant for the project, which is why the Selectboard needs to make a decision now. There was further discussion on what action Fincom should take this evening on the matter. Motion was made by Kelly to meet May 3rd at 7pm to address the issue of a statement after the Committee has attended the joint meeting on Wednesday April 28th. Peter seconded. Vote 7-0 to approve.

Update on FY21 Town Budget

Greg did not have any updates. Lauri said we look on target for spending.

Update/Planning on FY22 Town Budget and Annual Town Meeting

Greg said Lauri is getting up to speed. He believes things may develop over the Summer, but right now he is still using the known budget for Town Meeting. Ken asked when we could get an update on marijuana sales. Lauri says the revenues are dispersed quarterly, so June/July will give us our first payments.

Ken asked who is planning to be attending. Jill and Peter cannot attend. Greg said the logistics planning is happening right now. It will be similar to the past outdoor procedures.

Preparation for Public Hearing

Ken shared the Fincom’s recommendation document. He explained an edit to Article 8’s recommendation. Ken went through the articles briefly. There wasn’t any further discussion. Committee is prepared for our Public Hearing.

Future planning/Upcoming meetings

Greg said he assumes there may be a revised budget coming through for Fall Special Town Meeting. Ken said it has been a while since we met with the Town Planner on upcoming town projects. Ken asked members what else they want to add to our agenda. Alannah suggested revisiting the liaison system for FinCom and other committees. Kelly wanted to meet with the Capital Planning Committee.

Tom moved to adjourn, Jill seconded. Vote 7-0 to approve at 8:46pm.

FinCom Reserve FY21

Approved at Town Meeting, Article 13:	\$250,000.00
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Approved by FinCom	
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Police Sal - Sick Leave Buyback	\$73,134.00
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Fire Sal - Sick Leave Buyback	\$33,562.56
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Library Director Retirement	\$23,959.00
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Asbestos Abatement Town Hall	\$18,292.71
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Total remaining in Reserve Fund	\$101,051.73
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